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SUBJECT: CRASH OF BELL 212 HELICOPTER

DEA HQS FOR EOI-MR. CUSACK

1. ON SEPTEMBER 22 A BELL 212 HELICOPTER OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CRASHED AND WAS DESTROYED NEAR ORIZABA, VERACRUZ. THE PILOT WAS INJURED AND A MECHANIC RIDING IN THE COPILOT'S SEAT WAS KILLED.

2. THE ACCIDENT APPARENTLY OCCURRED WHEN THE HELICOPTER, SENT TO VERACRUZ TO AID VICTIMS OF HURRICANE FIFI, WAS RETURNING TO MEXICO CITY. BAD WINDS FORCED THE AIRCRAFT INTO SOME TREES, CAUSING IT TO CRASH. THE PILOT WAS CAPT. CARLOS KAUFFMAN, WHOM MR. BARTELS WILL RECALL WAS HIS PILOT DURING A FIELD TRIP TO SINALOA POPPY GROWING AREAS. HE FORTUNATELY ESCAPED WITH MINOR INJURIES. THE MECHANIC, ANTONIO PEREZ ALVARADO, WAS KILLED AND WILL BE BURIED AT HIS HOME IN VILLAHERMOSA, TABASCO.

3. THE HELICOPTER, A MILITARY VERSION BELL 212 (GRANTED UNDER DEC. 1973 AGREEMENT) WITH MATRICULA NUMBER XC-GIC, WAS REPORTEDLY A TOTAL LOSS. IT WAS UNINSURED. DEPUTY ATTORNEY

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GENERAL ROSALES MIRANDA HAS PROMISED US AN ACCIDENT REPORT

IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. MEANWHILE, WE URGENTLY SUGGEST
WASHINGTON LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING THE LOST
HELICOPTER SOONEST, IF POSSIBLE IN TIME FOR AT LEAST PART
OF THE FY-75 ERADICATION CAMPAIGN.
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